

A Birthday Adventure

By LILY WANDEL

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Avora had put the tiny apartment in order, bathed and dressed herself, and then wondered how on earth she could kill the long day ahead.

She had been married a little more than a year, and outside a few friends of her husband, who did not interest her, she did not know any one in the city. Each day passed as the one before—a little housework, a lot of dressing and a round of shopping or reading. She was frankly tired of the department stores, and her eyes stung from too much reading. She was more than bored; she was suffering, longing for companionship; some one congenial and interesting. Today at least must be different, for it was her birthday. The frown disappeared, and a smile curved her pretty lips as a bright idea came to her. Skipping to the phone she called her husband's office number.

"This is Avora, Herbert. I'm awfully lonesome, honey; how about our having lunch together at some nice place?" Her voice vibrated with eagerness.

"Sorry," came back the answer, "but I have an appointment with a business friend at the club, dear." She hung up the receiver slowly, her chin quivering not so much from disappointment as from the monotonous view ahead. Then quite suddenly she tossed her head pertly. "Why not pretend," she laughed, "pretend that I'm going to meet some one for lunch and be happy in the expectation?"

She sauntered slowly along the sunlit city streets, enjoying the crowds, the early summer breeze and most of

cured. It is a safe investment, etc."

If he had suddenly drenched Avora in ice water he could not have chilled her more thoroughly. And under it the burning mortification. He had chosen her as a possible customer for his bonds and she had fallen for his smooth talk.

Instantly she rose to her feet, adjusting her fur. "I have an appointment," she remarked icily.

He accompanied her to the street, still talking about the bonds. "I don't ask you to decide now. Here is my card; look me up in a day or so. If there is anything I can do for you or explain—"

She ignored the proffered pasteboard and nodding courtly, disappeared in the early afternoon throng.

When she reached home panting with indignation she paced the floor filled with mortifying thoughts and threw herself, wretched with self-reproach, across the bed. Conscience began to prick, too, so that finally the only relief was to decide to tell Herbert about it. It was odd, though, she thought with just a touch of vanity, "that he would take me for a woman of wealth!" And that comforted a little. "Herbert has talked to me about investing that little legacy Aunt Harriet left me, but I never could get interested in bonds and things."

She put off telling her husband till after dinner, and then when they were seated cozily in the little living room she found it very difficult to begin. It had happened so naturally, but to tell about it made the whole thing seem very common and ridiculous.

"Herbert," finally in a faltering voice, bending low over a bit of embroidery, "a man—a young man—was telling me about Argentine bonds."

"Oh, yes," interrupted her husband, looking up from his paper, "that's so. Well, how did you like young Rigby? Nice, smart boy? Did you remember him?"

Avora looked up open-mouthed, then "No—I mean—" stopped, feeling very foolish.

"I told him, ten to one my wife won't remember that I introduced you one day in the broker's office. I told him to try our apartment first, and if you were out to try the shopping district; also might try the lobby of the Alhambra. Where did he meet you?"

"Alhambra," answered Avora weakly. "Herbert, did you want him to sell me a bond?"

"Oh, I don't know, dear. You see, your voice sounded so lonesome over the phone, and after you had hung up I remembered that it was your birthday. Young Rigby just happened to come in and I told him to look you up and try to interest you in some investments. I thought it would help you to pass a lonely day, dear. I tried to get you on the phone, but your line was busy."

His wife rose, with face averted; there were tears in her eyes.

"I hated to think of you all alone on your birthday, dear," added the husband cheerfully. "But come over here, Avora. We'll make it up tomorrow! How about going out to the country? Might look at some little bungalows in the suburbs. I think you would get acquainted very easily there and not be so lonesome, eh?" Avora cuddled up on her husband's lap and pressed a kiss on his cheek.

LONG RECORD OF BLOODSHED

Emperors of Japan Have Met Deaths of Violence From the Beginning of History.

There is probably no nation in the world that has ever treated its emperors so cavalierly as Japan has done to within the memory of living man, Raymond M. Weaver writes in Asia.

Emperors have been deposed by dozens, emperors have been killed in numerous numbers. One, Yomei, was stabbed without ado; one, Sujin, was assassinated by an emissary of the prime minister; the young Anoku was thrown into the sea to die like a rat, and it is piquant rumor, whispered in intimate circles, that Komel, father of the late Emperor Mutsuhito, died not of smallpox, as is the official report, Junnin Tanno was strangled on the island of Awaji, and one imperial personage (Daigo II) managed to escape from the distant island to which he was relegated, hidden under a load of dried fish. The number of crown princes slaughtered is too numerous to record. In the fourteenth century two rival houses defied each other for a period of 58 years, and the present emperor is descended from the branch branded by later historians as illegitimate. Ko Moranno, a worthy of the fourteenth century, is credited with having told his followers to "take the estates of the emperor if they wanted estates. A living emperor is a mere waster of the world's substance and a burden upon the people. He is not necessary, but, if we must have him, a wooden effigy would answer the purpose." For centuries the government was in the hands of the mayors of the palace, who set up one infant sovereign after the other, deposing each as he came to man's estate. From 1293 to 1304 there were actually no less than five ex-emperors living at one time.

Just Like the Peacock.

Although the American redstart is a little bird only five and a half inches long, it has one trait in common with the gorgeously plumed peacock, namely, that it seems to be very fond of its handsome plumage, and is constantly spreading its tail feathers.

The redstart's colors are red, orange and white, and later on it attains the black portion of its plumage on back, tail and wings.

When he came near murmuring, "You remember me, don't you?" she nodded cheerfully and made room on the settee for him to sit down.

He was a most entertaining talker. Avora listened fascinated by his accounts of his travels in South America. She found herself asking questions and making laughing, witty replies.

He told her about Buenos Aires, he spoke of the wealth of the city, the wonderful public works and buildings. He spoke so convincingly that Avora, who had been always bored with anything pertaining to Latin-America, found herself keenly interested.

"This is not hearsay," he went on. "I have been there lately." It is a wonderful opportunity.

"For what?" asked Avora.

"To invest," answered the young man earnestly, though unexpectedly. His companion drew back puzzled. "The city has issued some new 6 per cent bonds; they are wonderfully so-

NEW STORY ABOUT PILGRIMS

Writers Claim Early Settlers in America Were Kidnaped From the London Virginia Company.

Some historians, notably Azell Ames, who has compiled "The Mayflower and Her Log" from original sources, assert that the skipper of the Mayflower was Capt. Thomas Jones, a rough seadog who had led a more or less piratical career on the high seas. Between Capt. Jones and Sir Ferdinandoorges and doubtless Weston, they alleged that a plot existed whereby the Pilgrims were deliberately stolen from the London Virginia company and planted on territory outside of the Virginia grant. The maneuvering about Cape Cod, according to this interpretation, was simply a part of the plot to discourage the Pilgrims from settling near the Hudson, as evidently they intended when they left Holland.

The exact identity of "Master Jones" is not clear. Historians of the Massachusetts Historical society say that the skipper was one Christopher Jones, a trustworthy man, entirely different from Capt. Thomas Jones, who was known to have a checkered career during his voyages to Virginia and other colonies. The course of American colonial history may have been greatly changed when the Pilgrims encountered the shoals and unfavorable winds off Cape Cod, but this bit of destiny can be easily exaggerated. It is sufficient here to relate that the Pilgrim colony was founded outside the jurisdiction of the London Virginia company.

PRODUCES COTTON IN COLORS

Southerner Has Succeeded in Growing Green and Brown and Is Experimenting on Black.

A. W. Brabham has submitted to the Cotton exchange of Savannah four samples of colored cotton—light brown, dark brown, light green and dark green. They are the results of years of experimentation. Mr. Brabham says that other colors will appear when a number of cotton plants in his garden that are not yet fully grown begin to bear.

The botanist has not yet been able to produce black cotton, but he says he will do so in time. It would have appeared this year, he contends, if a package of the seeds of a blue-tinted cotton, mailed to him by a botanist in Delhi, India, had not gone astray. Mr. Brabham has sent for another package of these seeds, and he is convinced that if he crosses them with certain of the cottons he has already grown the result will be black.

Luther Burbank once told Mr. Brabham that he would produce black cotton for a million dollars. Mr. Brabham replied that he thought he could do it more cheaply, and thereupon started his experiments.

Process of Becoming Convinced.

Every day he called her over the telephone.

Every day she refused to see him. But his experience with women had taught him to understand their coquetry, and he knew that her refusal was not sincere.

One morning when he telephoned she said that she would be glad to see him, but she was engaged for the day.

The next morning she was sorry to have to miss him again, but she did not have a minute free.

And the next day she wished that he had telephoned sooner, for she had just made an engagement. Would he please call again?

His experience with women taught him that her refusal was sincere.—From Life.

Canada to Allot Land to Eskimos.

It is announced from Ottawa that the Canadian government has decided to reserve for the remnant of the Eskimos a small part of the territory over which they formerly ranged at will in the varying pursuits of fishing and hunting, says the New York Evening Mail. The reservation is to consist of Banks and Victoria islands, north of the vast region, wide as the continent, known as Northwest territory, and far north of the Arctic circle.

From this reservation, and apparently the waters immediately adjacent to it, white hunters are to be excluded; and those who have begun operations on Banks island will be ousted. Thus the resources needed to sustain Eskimo life will be preserved.

Notice for Appearance.

State of Michigan—County of Shiawassee—Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit, in Chancery.

Suit pending in the County of Shiawassee, in Chancery, at Corunna, Michigan, on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1920, Jessie Bauslaugh, Plaintiff, vs. John W. Bauslaugh, Defendant. In this cause it appearing by affidavit on file that the said defendant, John W. Bauslaugh, is not a resident of this State, and that his present place of residence or whereabouts is unknown to plaintiff. Therefore, on motion of Neil R. Walsh, attorney for said plaintiff, it is ordered that the defendant, John W. Bauslaugh, enter his appearance in said cause on or before three months from the date of this order, and that within forty days plaintiff cause this order to be published in The Owosso Times, of Owosso, Michigan, said publication to be continued each week for six weeks in succession.

Dated Dec. 25th, 1920. JOSEPH H. COLLINS, Circuit Judge.

NEIL R. WALSH, Attorney for Plaintiff, Business Address—Owosso, Michigan. 41-47

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Commissioners' Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Albert H. Northway, deceased.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of the Albert Todd Co., in the City of Owosso in said county, on Monday, the 7th day of February, A. D. 1921, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each said day, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate and that four months from the 7th day of February, A. D. 1921, are allowed creditors to present their claims to said Commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

Dated the 6th day of December, A. D. 1920.

S. M. KERBY, ROY F. BROTT, Commissioners.

Notice of Appearance.

State of Michigan—in the Circuit Court for the County of Shiawassee, in Chancery.

August Joseph, Plaintiff.

Johnathan Child and Sophia Child, his wife; Daniel Ball and Mary A. Ball, his wife; Ransom S. Smith, James B. Wheeler, Mary E. Finch, Albert T. Nichols and Aaron J. Todd, or any of their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, Defendants.

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE. Suit pending September 7, 1920, in the Circuit Court for the County of Shiawassee, in Chancery.

It appearing to me, the subscriber, Circuit Judge in said Court, from the allegations contained in said Bill of Complaint filed in the above entitled cause and from the affidavits filed in said cause, that plaintiff does not know and has not been able, after diligent search and inquiry, to ascertain the names of the persons who are included as defendants herein without being named and cannot ascertain in what state or country above named defendants reside.

Therefore, on motion of Miner & Miner, attorneys for the Plaintiff, it is ordered that the above named defendants and their, and each of their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, cause their and each of their appearance to be entered in this cause, within three months from the date of this order, and in case of their appearance, to cause their answer to said Bill of Complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty days after service upon them of a copy of said Bill of Complaint, and that in default thereof said Bill of Complaint be taken as confessed by each and all of said defendants, and also that within forty days from the date of this order plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be published in The Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and published and circulating in said County of Shiawassee, and that the publication be continued once each week for six weeks in succession, or that Plaintiff serve a copy of this order to be personally served on said defendants and each of them at least twenty days before the time prescribed for appearance.

JOSEPH H. COLLINS, Circuit Judge.

MINER & MINER, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Business Address, 410 Miner Building, Owosso, Mich.

NOTICE: The foregoing suit involves the title to the following described real estate, to-wit:

The west fifty acres of the east one hundred acres of the northeast one quarter of Section 20, town 7 north, range 3 east; and also part of the northeast one quarter and the southeast one quarter of said Section 20, described as beginning at the north one quarter part of Section 20; thence east 12.20 chains, thence south 63.50 chains to the Shiawassee river, thence northwesterly along said river to the north and south one quarter line, thence north along said one quarter line 60.22 chains to the place of beginning, excepting 10 acres so d to Jasper H. Kelly and 5 acres sold to Rosetta Kelly, all in town 7 north, range 3 east, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and this suit is brought to quiet Plaintiff's title therein.

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Order of Publication.

State of Michigan—The Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee, held at the Probate Office in the City of Corunna, on the 8th day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

Present—Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John H. Parker deceased.

On filing the petition of Myrtle C. Parker praying for the probate of the will of said deceased now filed in this Court.

It is Ordered, That the 10th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be appointed for examining and allowing said account.

And it is Further Ordered, That a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in The Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

MATTHEW BUSH, Judge of Probate.

By CLARABEL GALLOWAY, Probate Register.

Order of Publication.

State of Michigan—The Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee.

At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate office, in the City of Corunna, on Monday, the 13th day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

Present—Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Harmon VanStyke deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Byron R. VanStyke praying for an order determining who were the legal heirs of said deceased, at the time of his death and entitled to inherit his real estate.

It is Ordered, That the 10th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office be appointed for examining and allowing said account.

And it is Further Ordered, That a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in The Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

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